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thicker pad. If the pad be too thin some moss capsules filled with nearly ripe spores will be crushed by the pressure.

The chief advantages of this method are convenience and the fact that the plants can be arranged on the glass in the light instead of on the sensitized paper which has to be in a measure protected from the light.

To keep the printing frame at right angles to the sun's rays, stick a pin in the upper surface of the wood of the printing frame and perpendicular to it; then hold the frame so that the shadow of the pin's head just covers its point.

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### OBITUARY.

Monsieur Emile Bescherelle, a bryologist of note, and a man of diverse activity, died on February 26th of the present year, at Arcachon, Gironde, France, in his 76th year. Besides his immediate circle of relatives and personal friends, who are numerous, the moss students of the whole world are left to mourn the loss of this earnest, energetic and genial man. For in a letter, dated July, 1899, he informed the writer that he was interested in "the mosses of the whole world." This statement is well borne out by a glance at the numerous publications from his pen. His bryological activity extends over nearly forty years. His writings are found in the Bulletin of the Botanical Society of France, in the Journal de Botanique de M. Moret, and in the Revue Bryologique; the principal memoirs are printed mostly in the Annales des Sciences Naturelles. Of these the following are the most important:

Prodromus Bryologiæ Mexicanæ (1871). Florule Bryologique de la Nouvelle Calédonie (1873). Florule Bryologique des Antilles Françaises (1875). Mousses de Paraguay (1875). Florule Bryologique de la Réunion (1880). Catalogue des Mousses de l'Algérie (1882). Flore bryologique du Tonkin (1887). Mousses du Cap Horn et Magellan (1889). Musci Yunanenses (1892). Flore Bryologique du Japon (1893). Mousses de Lehmann Amérique Centrale (1894). Flore Bryologique de Tahiti (1895). Essai sur le genre Calymperes (1896). Mousses de la Tunisie (1897). Flore bryologique de Tahiti Supplement (1898). Flore bryologique du Japon. Supplement (1899).

This selected list shows the range of Mr. Bescherelle's interests. His energy did not abate till shortly before his death. And while he has not worked on North American mosses, his work on West Indian, Central American and South American mosses is so considerable that it will ever place his name prominently among American bryologists.

Incidentally it may be of interest to note that Mr. Bescherelle was Chief of the Honorary Division, under the Minister of Public Works; former President of the Botanical Society of France; Corresponding Member of the Museum of Natural History; Chevalier of the Legion of Honor; and "Officier d'Académie."

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